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Milly bridge is falling down

Georgia Department of Transportation has plans to demolish the bridge over West Hancock

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Almost a year ago, The Colonnade reported on the danger presented by the decrepit bridge that spans West Hancock Street near The Bellamy apartments. Now that same eyesore of a bridge will soon be demolished.

Although the decaying bridge has been on the Georgia Department of Transportation's radar for some time, plans for removal only began after concrete chunks fell from the bridge and onto the road during the cold snap earlier this month.

"Although our plans have been to take it

down for some time, we have not had the funding," said Cissy McNure of the Baldwin County DOT. "A lack of funding ... was really the main thing."

Since the falling concrete was reported, the GDOT has taken a keener interest in tearing down the dangerous structure. Contractors have been bidding on the demolition. No timeline has been set.

"At this point, [GDOT] is searching for money in the budget to get it done," City Councilman Walter Reynolds of District 4 said. "Both city employees and the DOT are keeping an eye on the situation to make sure no further debris falls off. If it does, it will

quickly be handled."

Reynolds suggested that should anyone notice debris from the bridge on the road to call Public Safety or the Milledgeville Police Department.

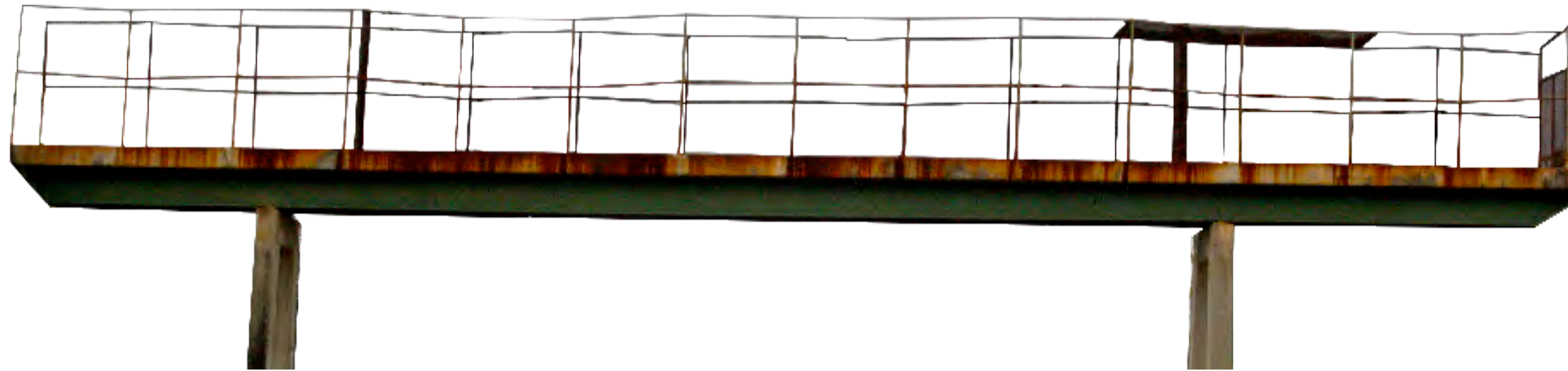
In the meantime, GDOT workers have commenced prep-work, including removing the rusted fencing of the bridge and testing the concrete structure. When demolition actually begins, a small portion of State Route 49 over which the bridge currently spans will be closed off and all traffic will be rerouted.

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Walter Reynolds,
District 4 City Councilman

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Baldwin County health inspections questionable

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Milledgeville is like many college towns. Fast food and chain restaurants line the streets, and it's not uncommon for students to eat out most nights. What is different, though, is the fact that almost every restaurant in Milledgeville has a 100 on their health inspection scores.

So why are Milledgeville's restaurants so much cleaner than those in other cities?

The Colonnade set out to uncover what was going on behind the scenes of Milledgeville's most popular restaurants. What we uncovered, though, left more questions than answers.

There are a few major things that health inspectors look for when walking through a restaurant. Overall cleanliness and how often employees wash their hands are of course important, but temperatures pose a far greater risk.

"Dirty floors and dirty walls only make up one point," said Baldwin County Environmental Health Inspector Claire Edmonds, referencing the food service establishment inspection report. "The stuff that we really look at [is] temperatures. That's the big thing that can make people sick."

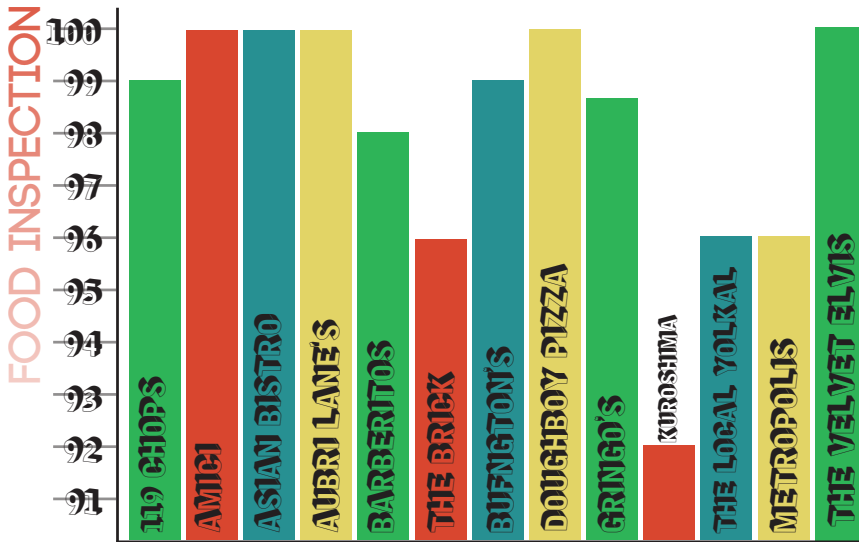
On your typical health inspection, an inspector tests the temperature of the freezer and any foods in the preparation area. If the temperatures do not meet code standards, the restaurant gets points taken off.

Another factor health inspectors look for is the presence of bugs in the kitchen.

"With these older buildings, sometimes you're going to have pest problems," said Edmonds. "I know a couple restaurants that are spotless; however because they are right by a place that's not so clean, [roaches] come in. Whenever there's food, you're going to have battles with them."

Interestingly, Baldwin County health inspectors do not place a lot of

LOCAL HEALTH SCORES



Source: Georgia Department of Public Health

weight in their scores on the presence of bugs. According to Edmonds, this is because the presence of a few bugs in the restaurant will not necessarily lead to health hazards for customers.

"If I see roaches in the kitchen ... I'll write you up for it, but usually I ask, 'Who's your pest control? What are you doing to control the situation?'" Edmonds said. "Most of the restaurants [in Milledgeville] have a pest control company."

Edmonds has been a health inspector for the past 11 and a half years. She has worked in Bibb, Lanier and Baldwin county and has come across her fair share of health code violations. However, her view of Milledgeville is a positive one.

"For the most part, the places around here are not that bad," she said. "I've seen a lot of improvements, and whenever I see improvement, I'm going to try to work with people as much as possible. If I see they're going to improve, I'm not going to write them up."

Retests may also be a contributing factor to the string of high inspection

scores in Milledgeville restaurants.

"If a restaurant makes a C or an F, it's a mandatory recheck," said Edmonds. "They know when I'm coming back. It's a scheduled inspection. However, [anyone] that makes lower than an A, I go ahead and suggest a retest."

In 2013, the majority of dining establishments in Milledgeville made a 100 on their inspections. The lowest score was an 83, earned by China Garden.

One thing that is clear among restaurant employees is if you know the health inspector is coming, you tell. This practice leads to most restaurants knowing when inspectors like Edmonds are coming, giving employees time to clean up.

"It 100 percent affects [the inspection score]," said Mitch Medley, senior history major and a general manager at Barberitos. "But there's nothing that we're cleaning up [before she gets here] that would change the way we're

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An update to GC's wireless

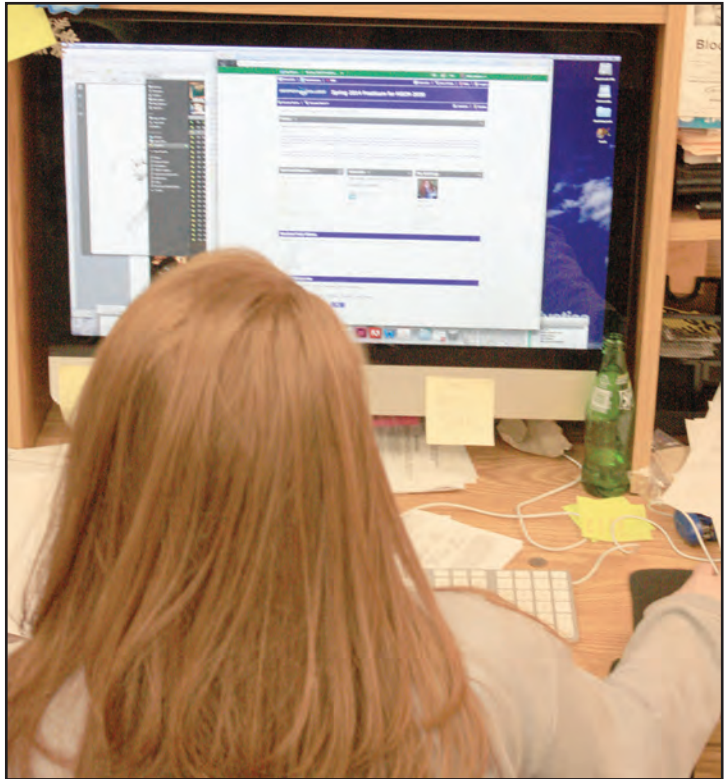


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A new authentication system promises faster internet speed

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In an attempt to amp up network security and provide faster internet speed, a new wireless authentication system has been implemented by GC's Division of Information Technology.

"We are basically reestablishing an authentication to use the wireless," said Chris Hindman, manager of Network Administration Division of Information Technology. "We're replacing the old system because of issues we were having

with it."

Those issues included a lack of security and slow internet speed, both of which were due in large part to the open Wi-Fi.

"Anybody driving by [the school] could log on," said Hindman. "The new authentication system should clean up some of the chatter on the wireless network, which should make it more usable."

Basically, students don't have to worry about random people logging onto the system and "sniffing out" their online

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NEWS FLASH

Georgia College earns another ranking!

Georgia College was ranked as a top value public college by Kiplinger's Personal Finance for 2014. And check online to see our story on GC's award-winning MBA program.

QUOTABLE

"Well, this is my first time here, [and] everything smells really good."

— Hannah Lewis, sophomore pre-nursing major

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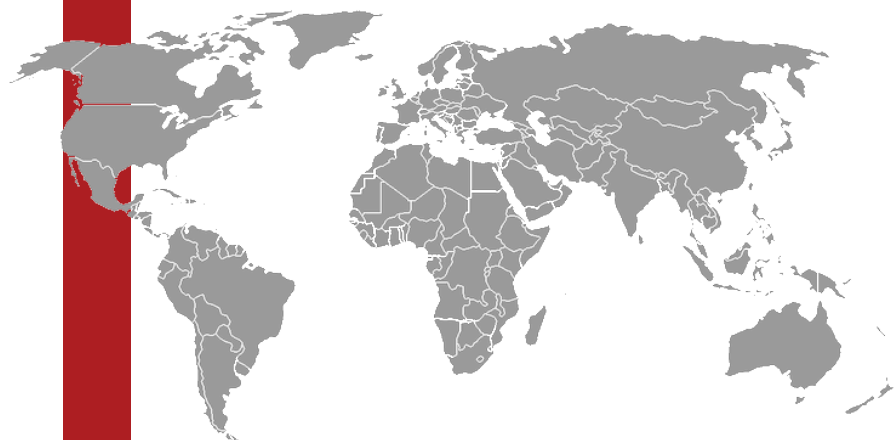
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How many points it took for GC to win its basketball game on Monday, Jan. 20.

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THE · SHORT · LIST

The top news stories from all over the world as collected, curated and composed by **John Dillon**



- 1 **False alarm** A suspected shooting at the University of Oklahoma turned out to be a machine backfiring. Students were told to take shelter as SWAT teams searched buildings. (ABC News)
- 2 **COPS: Catfish Edition.** Police in Freeland, Pa., arrested a wanted fugitive in an unconventional manner. The fugitive taunted police by sharing the wanted poster on his Facebook page. Police then catfished him by posing as a woman and arrested him. (Buzzfeed)
- 3 **Campus shooting** An engineering student was shot and killed at Purdue University by a fellow student in a classroom. No one else was injured. Authorities arrested one person. (Indystar)
- 4 **Speak softly to Sherman.** After Sunday's NFC Championship game, Seattle cornerback Richard Sherman ranted to a sideline reporter about a San Francisco receiver who Sherman said slighted him. In a subsequent interview, Sherman told another reporter he was "better at life" than they were. He has since apologized for his comments. (CNN)
- 5 **Broken glass.** Homeland Security agents pulled a man out of a movie theater for using Google Glass during the movie. He was interrogated and detained for allegedly pirating the movie. (The Verge)
- 6 **To the barricade!** Three demonstrators have died in the protest against Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich, two from gunfire. The battle continued at midweek as police wrestled with demonstrators. (The Telegraph)
- 7 **Superbad deal.** Actor Jonah Hill settled for a mere \$60,000 for his part in "The Wolf of Wall Street." Don't worry; it's suspected that Hill has a deal for future films. (Variety)
- 8 **Celebrating MLK Day the wrong way.** Arizona State University fraternity Tau Kappa Epsilon celebrated MLK day by throwing a MLK-themed party. They posed pictures on Instagram with hashtags such as "blackoutformlk" and "ihaveadream." ASU has now put the chapter on probation. (USA Today)
- 9 **Terminator workout.** Arnold Schwarzenegger went undercover at a Gold's Gym in Venice, Calif. The stunt was done to raise money for after-school programs around the United States. (Buzzfeed)
- 10 **Super "Bowl."** Following last weekend's playoff games, the Denver Broncos and Seattle Seahawks will be going to the Super Bowl. Football isn't the only thing Colorado and Washington have in common, with both states recently legalizing pot. (ESPN)

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Bridge

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that happens," Reynolds said. "Students living in the area, like The Bellamy, shouldn't have to worry about any interference."

Reynolds noted that once demolition does begin, the process of taking down the bridge should take about one week.

Once a timeframe has been set, citizens and students will be notified of the detour routing.

Fortunately for Milledgeville, neither the city nor the county has to shoulder the bill of demolishing the bridge.

"It's a Georgia DOT-owned bridge," said McNure. "There will be no costs on the city for the deconstruction."

As of now, a cost estimate has not yet been established.

Looking ahead, there are a number of options for the space that once held the old bridge. Although a new walkway for students crossing from The Bellamy to the Irwin Street parking lot would be ideal, Georgia College currently has no plans to construct such a structure.

"As we do not own the property, we can't plan on building anything there," said Associate Vice President for Strategic Communications, John Hachtel. "The school has no plans for [the space] as of now."

However, a plan to build an aesthetically pleasing archway over the road where



TAYLER PITTS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Chunks of concrete fell from the old bridge earlier this month, spurring the GDOT to bump the bridge over West Hancock to the top of its list of priorities.

the bridge now sits is milling around City Council.

"There have been plans for an archway, and that's not off the table," said Reynolds. "That will be a much different project, but

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traffic.

"This will restrict some of the usage to just folks who are associated with the college, and that's what we want to do," said Dennis Brown, enterprise IT project manager for the Division of Information Technology. "We want to enhance security and see a gain in internet speed."

The new authentication system launched on Tuesday, Jan. 21.

When students go to log-on to the school's wireless, they have two options: the old system (GCSUWireless) and the new system (GCWireless). They will be asked to enter their Bobcats email address and UNIFY password.

Brown and Hindman are encouraging students to try the new system. If students experience any problems, they are encouraged to contact SERVE.

"We want them to report any problems and concerns they have to SERVE," said Brown. "We need to get communication [between students and the Division of Information Technology] started."

The more students let SERVE know how well the system is working, the better the system can become.

Although the system just launched, Brown and Hindman hope to shut down the GCSU-Wireless network by the end of March. By this time, they speculate, students, faculty and staff will have gotten accustomed to the new GCWireless authentication system and all of the bugs that may exist will be worked out.

Junior management major Ethan Eloquin understands the reason behind the change but does not necessarily agree with it.

"I mean, I think [the school] is doing what's best for them," he said. "But what about the people in the community that can't afford internet? It's putting them at a disadvantage. I think I'll probably just stick with the old system for now."



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Health inspections

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making and preparing food ... nothing that affects food safety.”

Health scores received on Nov. 18 show testing dates for different restaurants occurred on or near the same dates. All of Georgia College’s food services were tested on Oct. 9.

“I find it a little suspicious – them all being done on the same day,” Cole Kemper, sophomore economics major, said. “I’m guessing they probably know a couple of months in advance; therefore they were getting everything cleaned up. I still don’t think that any of them deserve [the high grades] by any means, but at that same token, I don’t think that they’re uncleanly.”

Edmonds recognizes that restaurants know when she plans on giving an inspection. “Yeah, the [restaurants] do talk, so a lot of people know when I’m coming,” she said.

Edmonds admitted that this has the possibility of affecting the scores.

To get a more in-depth look at the health inspection process, senior reporter Sarah K. Wilson accompanied Edmonds on a routine inspection of downtown restaurant Barberitos.

Despite having just gotten through a busy lunch hour, the Barberitos’s kitchen was nearly spotless. Employees greeted Edmonds nicely, if not a little nervously. Every few minutes, an employee would pause to wash his hands.

“They’re doing a pretty good job of washing their hands,” Edmonds noted.

Her first stop is the shelves in the kitchen. She looks through each shelf, making sure any chemicals are stored on the bottom rack. Next is the walk-in freezer, which should constantly remain at 41 degrees or lower.

It is clear Barberitos’s freezer is cold enough. While talking, Edmond’s breath escapes in little clouds. She takes a thermometer and sticks it into the prepared foods stored in the freezer, checking that each temperature meets code.

“Food that’s already been cooked – they’ve got seven days to use it,” notes Edmonds.

The reason for this is the risk of the bacteria *Listeria* growing in old food. The bacteria can start growing at around 40 degrees, hence why restaurants must keep their freezers at lower temperatures. As long as the prepped food is used within 10 days, it is safe. However, the Baldwin County Health Department enforces that the prepped food must be used within seven days.

“We’d rather do overkill than under-kill,” said Edmonds on the subject. “With this kind of business, it’s better to set a higher standard.”

While in the freezer, Edmonds quizzes Medley on temperature requirements. He fumes

bles only once, but Edmonds is quick to jump on the mistake.

“Honestly, I like [her quizzing me], because it keeps me on my toes and makes sure I know what I’m doing,” said Medley. “Her job is to make sure we’re doing everything right.”

One employee per restaurant is required to go through a ServSafe course, a food and beverage safety training and certificate program administered by the National Restaurant Association. Medley, who is most often found behind the counter of Barberitos, has completed the course multiple times.

By the time Edmonds leaves the kitchen, she has uncovered one blaring problem: an uncovered fluorescent light above the prep area. There is also a leaky faucet, although employees insist that it only began leaking very recently.

In the dining area, which Edmonds checks next, there are dehumidifiers present.

“It’s an old building, and it gets muggy in here,” said Medley.

Despite the dehumidifiers, however, there is mold present on the air conditioning units in the dining area.

“It would be worse if [the mold] was in the prep area, but it still needs to be fixed,” noted Edmonds.

She checks the soda fountain for any health violations, such as mold growing on the taps. There are none. Edmonds also checks behind stoves and other large fixtures.

“In a restaurant, we’re looking for old dirt, not new dirt,” she said.

When all is said and done, Edmonds came across only three violations in Barberito’s that needed immediate attention: the leaky faucet in the kitchen, the mold growing on the air conditioning units and water damaged ceiling tiles in the dining area.

Barberitos’s earned a score of 98, which would have been less had Edmond’s taken off two points for the faucet. She gave the restaurant until Jan. 21 to have the ceiling tiles fixed and until Dec. 10 to replace the light cover and clean the air conditioner vents.

In a follow-up on Jan. 22, reporters found that the fluorescent light in the kitchen remained uncovered, although a cover would cost only around \$3 at Lowe’s. Fortunately, the mold previously present on the air vents appeared to have been cleaned.

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Environmental
Health Inspector

Different location, same support for Have a Heart group



TAYLER PITTS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
It was love at first pet for Katie Smoak, senior community health major, and a mutt puppy named Sebastian.

Complete Cash kicked animal group off premises

HELEN HARRIS
STAFF REPORTER

Passersby on Highway 441 may have recently noticed that the familiar sight of children, parents and students flocking to the puppies and kittens in front of Complete Cash is no longer there.

Since late December, Have a Heart, Save a Life has relocated to the parking lot directly in front of Fun Factory. The new location offers the benefits of more traffic flow, easier access and parking and the added convenience of having Tractor Supply nearby for pet supplies. The decision to move this showcase of adoptable animals was not a voluntary one on behalf of Have a Heart, but rather a forced move initiated by the new manager of Complete Cash and then ordered by the corporate office.

Have a Heart undoubtedly drew people into the small business plaza that it was previously located in. Now having this attention-getting group removed from the premises, the businesses in this location may be faced with fewer visitors.

“[Complete Cash’s] business is going to plummet now that they made Have a Heart leave. [The manager] is clearly not very business savvy and doesn’t realize how that affects her own business,” said Haley Smith, senior management major. “I have no doubt they’ll be going out of business in a matter of time.”

Problems between Have a Heart and Complete Cash began this past July with the latter’s change in management.

“Every weekend since then, at least once a month, there’s always been a problem,” said Valerie Buckley, president of Have a Heart.

Complaints were made by the new manager of Complete Cash that she was in fear for her life because of the puppies and dogs on site and also that the entranceway to the business was blocked. The situation only escalated over the months between July and December.

“The new manager got in touch with Valerie and told her that she had to move [Have a Heart’s] van to the back of the parking lot. We did that. Then she said we couldn’t put trash in their trashcan. So we stopped doing that and volunteers would haul off the trash,” said Darlene Brantley, a Have a Heart volunteer.

The conflict reached a head the week before Christmas.

“On a Tuesday evening I got a message from the regional director saying that we had until Thursday at the close of business to move the van and no more adoptions,” said Buckley.

Due to the holiday rush and what she described as a hectic schedule, Buckley called back to ask for a time extension, but she never heard back. Wednesday brought more problems. After attempting to call the regional manager again to ask for another chance, but with again no response or returned call, Buckley was notified that the police were at the location.

“Everybody pretty much called the corporate office and tied up the phone lines saying how disgusted they were to kick us out of there after three years,” said Buckley. “When this community found out we were being booted, they called corporate.”

To further the issue, the set-up deadline of Thursday for Have a Heart to evacuate the area was ignored, and corporate took the action of towing the van off the premises that day.

“They took it upon themselves to call the local towing companies,” said Buckley. “No local company would agree to do it. They had to go to McIntyre to find someone who agreed to do it.”

However, when the towing company in McIntyre found out about the situation, they turned around and towed it for free to the new location.

The situation for Have a Heart had its share of difficulties, but the new location looks to be beneficial and promising for all involved. Fun Factory and Tractor Supply had no objections to the new set-up and there is more room and parking.

“People can drive through and get in and out easy. And when people see the animals, they’re likely to go over to Tractor Supply and bring food over to donate – or a leash, collar, toys, something. So, it’s for the better,” said Brantley.

Jennifer Manzella, senior English major, identifies with both the positives and negatives of the new location.

“I haven’t been over there yet, but I liked the old location,” she said. “I feel like it was more noticeable being at that intersection. I think the new one will be better for parking; the parking by the old Bruster’s was tough because there were so many businesses and not enough space.”

The manager at Complete Cash in Milledgeville, Victoria, who declined to give her last name, referred reporters to the corporate office for their side of the story. Calls were not returned by press time.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Friday, January 24

1 p.m. Holocaust remembrance day (Campus Black Box theatre)
7 p.m. The Edge of Heaven [Auf der Anderen Seite] (A&S 272)

Monday, January 27

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. United States Navy recruiting day (MSU foyer)

Wednesday, January 29

7:30 p.m. GC Men's Basketball vs Clayton State

Thursday, January 30

2 - 3:30 p.m. Coverdell Chair Public Policy Colloquium Series (Pat Peterson Museum Education Room)
7 p.m. ONE week meeting (GIVE Center)

NOTE: If you would like to see any events on the calendar, please send them to colonnadenews@gcsu.edu.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

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1 UNABLE TO STAND ON HER OWN TWO FEET

Jan. 1 12:17 p.m. Officer McKinley spotted a woman who couldn't stand up. McKinley went up to her and saw that her eyes were bloodshot. She smelled of alcohol, was slurring her speech and could not recall her birthday. EMS took her to the hospital, and the case was sent to the student judicial review board.*

2 WALKING UNDER THE INFLUENCE

Jan. 1 12:54 p.m. A student walking from Downtown crossed the street in front of Officer Purvis's police car. The student toasted him with his Bud Light. Purvis stopped him and made him pour out his beer before walking home. His blood-alcohol level was .17, and the case was sent to the student judicial review board.*

3 ALCOHOL POISONING IS NO JOKE

Jan. 1 1:40 a.m. A guy was found lying face down and unresponsive on the sidewalk in front of Capitol City. He was sprawled in a pool of his own vomit. An ambulance took him to the hospital.*

4 HOME SWEET MOTORHOME

Jan. 1 3:14 a.m. A man was acting belligerent in front of the police in Downtown. Another guy offered him a ride home to keep him from going to jail. But the troublemaker couldn't remember where he lived. While he was sitting in the back seat of the other guy's car, the troublemaker said, "This is my home." Officer Purvis was flagged down, and he arrested the troublemaker for public drunkenness.*

5 WHAT IS THIS SCHOOL CALLED?

Jan. 3 7:44 p.m. A GC employee reported that the University sign at the corner of West Montgomery and North Clark streets had been vandalized. Three of its letters were missing. GC later circulated an email offering a \$500 reward to help find the culprit.

6 MISDEMEANOR FOR MARIJUANA

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Our Voice

Raising minimum wage is a good idea...right?

As college students, many of us know the burden of not having enough money to get by. We know the struggle of part-time jobs and meager earnings.

But what if the minimum wage were raised?

President Obama believes it should be. In a 2013 address to Congress, Obama said, “Let’s declare that in the wealthiest nation on Earth, no one who works full time should have to live in poverty, and raise the federal minimum wage to \$9 an hour ... let’s tie the minimum wage to the cost of living, so that it finally becomes a wage you can live on.”

When it’s put like that, what’s not to agree with?

We’ll be the first to admit: Before knowing too much about the subject, a minimum wage hike sounded like a great idea. Not only would young people have the opportunity to make more money, but those in poverty working small jobs, like those at fast food restaurants, would too.

Wouldn’t they?

All we’ve found is that the argument to increase the minimum wage is one with strong points on both sides – but as of now, the economy is too fragile a thing to be toying with.

The answer may surprise you. Economists have often shown that if the minimum wage were to be increased, so too would prices and taxes for employers. Moreover, minimum wage workers would most likely suffer from a loss of hours, as employers would hire more workers to work shorter periods of time.

Even Bill Gates, founder of Microsoft and one of the richest geek out there, chimed in on the subject Tuesday morning on “Morning Joe.”

“You have to be a bit careful that if you raise the minimum wage, you’re encouraging labor substitution,” he said. “You’re just making a huge tradeoff ... a lot of the problem there is that those people [working minimum wage] don’t have many hours. It’s not the actual wage level.”

Well if Bill Gates is against it, maybe we should take a closer look.

The Journal of Human Resources published a study in 2006 focusing on the impact of raising the minimum wage on poor families. The study concluded that although it is true that some people who received a bump in hourly pay were indeed better off, the vast majority of poor workers actually lost hours (or their whole job) and were worse off than before.

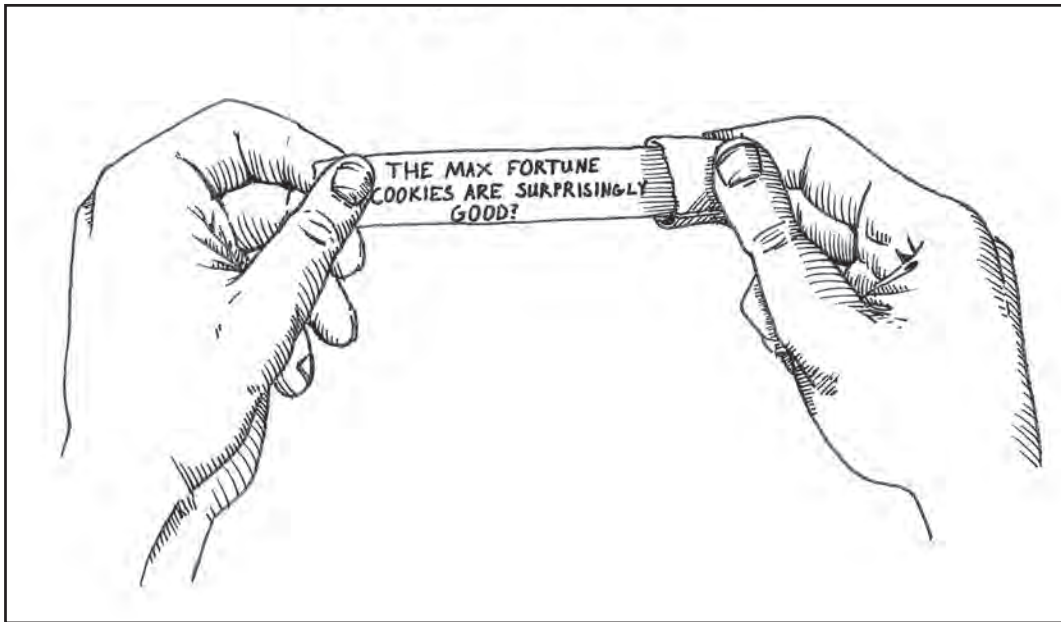
From this, we can glean that although a hike in the minimum wage would benefit some, there is a far greater percentage of workers that would suffer under the new wage.

Obama has sworn that he is for the advancement of the American middle class. Last August, he went so far as to say “whatever executive authority I have to help the middle class, I’ll use it.”

With his words in mind, let’s put the workers aside for a moment and consider the small business owners. Obamacare has already put a strain on small businesses, and it’s no secret that many have been forced to close their doors. Add on the weight of a minimum wage hike, and many of these small business owners will be in over their heads (if they aren’t already).

We’re not saying that raising the minimum wage isn’t a conversation we need to be having, and we’re definitely not saying that Obama’s trying to ruin the economy. All we’ve found is that the argument to increase the minimum wage is one with strong points on both sides – but as of now, the small business sector is under too much stress to tack on something else.

Strange discovery of the week:



by: William Detjen

Letter to the editor

“MLK: A Day On, Not a Day Off” aids community

This past MLK Day, I participated in a Day of Service in the Milledgeville community. The GIVE Center partnered with Communities in Schools of Milledgeville-Baldwin County to have volunteers visit different elementary schools. People rescued balls lost on the other side of the fence, spread mulch around playground equipment, gave a fresh coat of paint inside schools and worked on their green thumbs.

One of the things I found profound was that it was not solely Georgia College students, but also GMC students and community members. Although GC students are one of the most philanthropic student bodies in the state, I can rarely recall a time where I volunteered with a group of people that was not wholly made up of GC students. GC students are not the only ones out there trying to better the community.

As the campus is having ongoing discussions about increasing civic engagement and

diversity, I believe a solution exists not on campus, but off our grounds and in the community. One of the best ways of accomplishing this is through volunteering with different nonprofits, such as Habitat for Humanity and Communities in Schools. We are fortunate enough to have The GIVE Center as a valuable resource for students to learn and participate in opportunities to volunteer in the community.

If students volunteer in the Milledgeville community, we have a greater opportunity to interact with the local students and show them that GC is a place that allows you to practice the skills acquired to promote civic learning and community outreach. This follows this year’s QEP theme, to “Build a Culture of Engaged Learning”, as we work to help GC students become informed citizen leaders in order to serve the public good.

- Sean Espinosa

#BOBCAT BEAT



Do you think the polar vortex is a evidence of global warming or just an oddity in nature?



“Global warming, aka climate change - whichever is more politically correct.”

- Melissa Haghighat

“I think many cases of extreme weather can be linked to manmade climate change - including, in part, the polar vortex.”

- Jeffrey Jones

@Jeffrey6895

“When the cold tells us it’s getting warmer. #polarvortex #globalwarming #takeaction”

- Lucine Colignon

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“It’s an opportunity for us to grow in humility & not complain about the cold!!”

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REAL TALK WITH CONSTANTINA

Does social media actually connect us, or are we using it to remain in our social bubble?

CONSTANTINA KOKENES
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

It’s official: I’ve been sucked into the world of Reddit.

I’ve been avoiding Reddit for a long time now, knowing it would hinder me from doing any work and just add to my already-existing procrastination habits. During my time on Reddit, I’ve browsed the different subreddits (communi-

ties), and I’ve found a lot of useful information on there.

So instead of looking at pictures of cats, I’ve been attempting to teach myself physics, looking at some amazing photography and catching up on the world. It got me thinking: Maybe social media sites aren’t as bad as they’ve been made out to be.

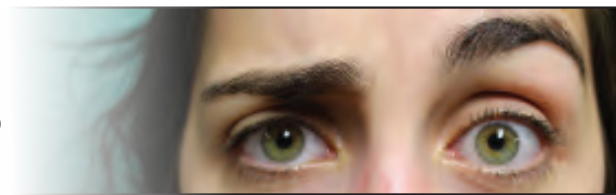
Of course, it all depends on how you use them. I’ve wasted my time

on multiple social media sites, and there have been consequences. But connecting with people from different places of the world can be enlightening. Again, it depends on how you use it.

If you solely want to stay within your circle of friends and family, you won’t learn much about anything else. You’ll see things that are geared specifically toward you because you choose to follow/

friend/read/etc. Social media sites are supposed to be tools helping us connect with others we are not familiar with, but we’re not using them for that.

We use them to connect with people we’re already connected to. It’s understandable because we’re comfortable with whom we know, but it defeats the purpose. Why advertise yourself to people who already know you?



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In the Jan. 17 issue of The Colonnade, in the article “A cappella group in the making,” singers in The Cat’s Meow are chosen through auditions instead of being “hand-picked.” Both Max Noah and The Cat’s Meow singers contain and are open to non-music majors.

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Sweet-tooth Tuesdays

Doodle's Cupcake Bakery brings weekly sweet delights to Milledgeville

SOPHIE GOODMAN
SENIOR REPORTER

There is a house on North Jefferson Street that usually seems empty. However, on every Tuesday of the week, it bursts to life with the aroma of cupcakes wafting into the street. This is Doodle's Cupcake Bakery.

The scent of cupcakes guides customers into this antique building, transforming their world into a wonderland of baked goods.

"Well, this is my first time here, [and] everything smells really good," said Hannah Lewis, sophomore pre-nursing major.

Doodle's, though only open on Tuesdays, has made a name for itself in Milledgeville. The owner, Keith Donnelly Grant, not only makes and decorates all of the cupcakes, but she is also the Microbiology Supervisor at the Oconee Regional Medical Center.

Since Grant has to be at the hospital most days, she dedicates this one day to her passion for baking. Grant's decision to open Doodle's was a success as her customers took to her homemade goods.

"[Doodle's cupcakes are] the perfect balance between cake and icing," said Brittany Floyd, senior mass communication major.

The combination of sugar, flour and spices has customers flocking to Doodle's. The best-seller cupcake, Wedding Cake, is a pound cake with vanilla icing.

"I think it's [popular] because it's such a simple, old-fashioned flavor," Grant said. "People get mad if I don't have it."

Even though Doodle's is only open to the public once a week, customers can place orders for pickup at any time during the week.

Cupcakes are not the only thing Grant is versatile in. Besides baking these delicious treats, she provides a wide assortment of baked goods.

"Cupcakes [are] not the only thing I do," Grant said. "My standard other items are lemon bars, caramel brownies, cheese straws, and then occasionally I'll have a

"[Doodle's cupcakes are] the perfect balance between cake and icing."

Brittany Floyd,
senior mass communication major

cake or a banana bread."

Most of Doodle's recipes are family recipes, which have been passed down through generations or carefully crafted in Grant's head.

"I just get different ideas from different places, and then I just think about it and think about what'd I like, and just kind of throw things together in my head," Grant said.

With recipes galore, Grant has a variety of flavors and combinations ranging from Strawberry to Fluffy Nutter Butter. Every week, the flavors change and are posted on the Doodle's Facebook page.

"Each week, they come out, with seasonal flavors... So it's an eclectic group of flavors," Floyd said.

According to Grant, she likes to run her own business because she can be her own boss.

"I have certain things I do, and people know I do them. I like to do what I like to do when the mood strikes me," Grant said.

With Valentine's Day fast approaching, Doodle's is helping to spread the love with special Valentine's Day hours. It will be open on Thursday Feb. 13th from 2-6 p.m. and Friday Feb. 14th from 12-6 p.m.

If you're hungry on Tuesdays, stop at Doodle's and find a delicious treat to satisfy any type of sweet tooth.

Like Doodle's Cupcake Bakery on Facebook to stay updated on the weekly cupcake flavors and treats.

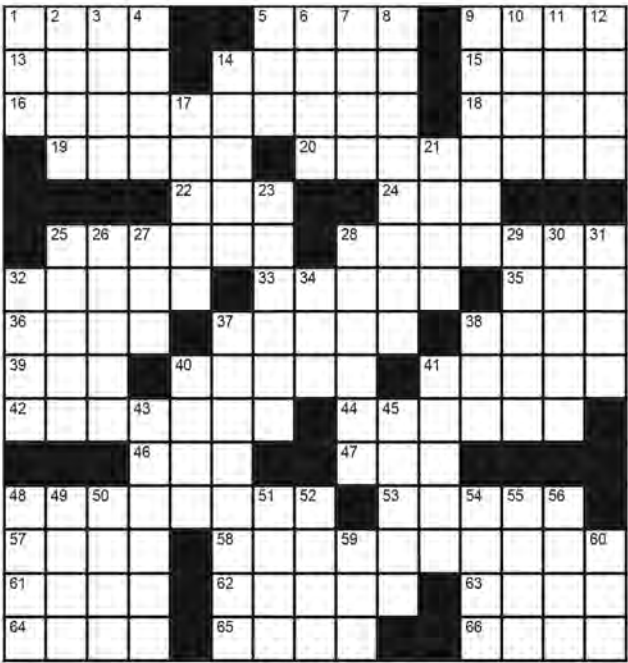


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Doodle's Cupcake Bakery offers a variety of baked goods ranging from cheese straws to caramel brownies. These will satisfy every person's preferences from savory to sweet.

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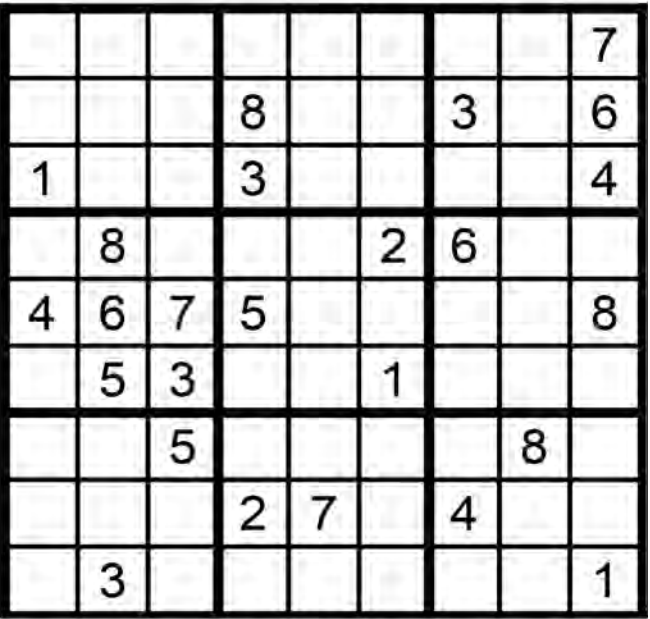
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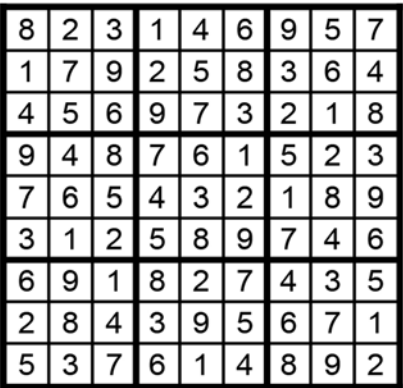
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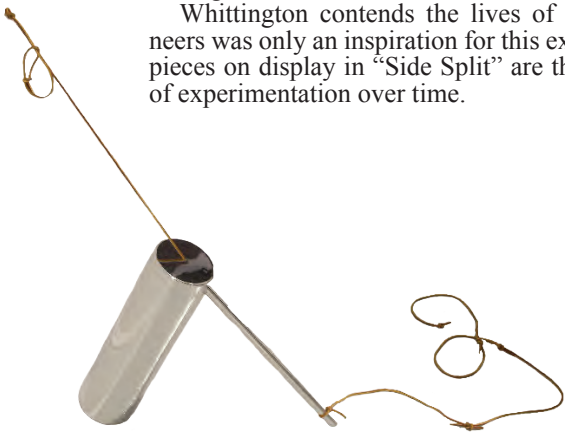
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‘SHIFT SPLIT’

Visiting sculptor Martha Whittington showcases tools and living spaces found from an earlier time

GRAY LINDSEY
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

“Shift Split” is sculptor and Savannah College of Art and Design professor Martha Whittington’s newest exhibition of her work. It opened Jan. 13 at Blackbridge Hall Art Gallery.

Curated by senior museum studies major Erika Mimms, the pieces in the exhibit come together to create what she describes as “a campsite from a time far earlier than our recent memory.”

This sense of environment in Whittington’s work was one of the things that drew Mimms to Whittington’s work.

“I liked her use of space, particularly the way she deals with objects,” Mimms said. “The pieces in this exhibit are not separate. Taken as a whole they create a scene, which the spectator is free to walk around in and experience first hand.”

The pieces in “Shift Split” are reinterpretations of the kinds of tools and equipment that one might find in the living space of an American pioneer. Whittington was drawn to the nature of these objects - that they “were connected together not with nails but with ropes.” For Whittington, these tools point to the relationship between art and science - the way applied math and creation often go hand in hand.

Whittington contends the lives of early pioneers was only an inspiration for this exhibit. The pieces on display in “Side Split” are the product of experimentation over time.

“I would say that the inspiration was with tools but that was only the outline,” Whittington said. “As with any creative endeavor, you begin with the outline and it expands over time.”

The act of creation itself is a central theme to the exhibit. The growth of Whittington’s work is apparent as the spectator goes between the two gallery rooms of Blackbridge Hall. The bulk of her work resides in the larger room - the product of the time she spent with these ideas, crafting and experimenting. Saws made out of felt and a tent made out of reflective metal fill the space among other similarly inventive pieces.

In the smaller room, tiny models of what Whittington based her larger pieces on litter wooden table-tops. A series of stop-motion videos featuring these models adorn the walls.

“The animated stop-motion videos are like nothing I’ve done before,” Whittington said. “They are kind of a chance for me to laugh at myself but also to show nature in a different light. As humans we are always the one intervening in nature, but in the videos you see nature intervening.”

The videos act as sketches written and performed by a troupe of sticks and twigs, demolishing intricate, man-made objects. In a way, they too reflect the sense of “applied math” seen throughout the exhibition (generally thought to be a human invention). They go through a process

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Left to right; Casey Harper, Mike MacDonald and JP McKenzie make three out of seven in the Athens-based folk rock band, Family And Friends.

Family fun for everyone

Family And Friends headlines at Buffington’s for a packed out show

MEREDITH LEVAN
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

Usually when people go to a show at Buffington’s, they expect to see a good-sized crowd with smiling faces. However, no one was prepared for the night of Jan. 16. After 11 p.m., there was almost no room inside the bar. It was almost as if people from all walks of life were gathered.

There was a reason for this madness. It is called Family And Friends. A seven-piece band from Athens that everyone seemed to know. The energy on stage filled the restaurant with a dynamic atmosphere, and it truly looked like a mu-

sical family reunion. The front was lined with the bass/cello player, a female on the drum and vocals, lead singer, lead guitarist and an incredible violinist. The back consisted of two awesome drummers that kept the joy of the band going.

Leader of the band, Mike MacDonald, has been passionate about music since he was a child; from his piano lessons to when he started playing the saxophone in middle school, he knew he wanted to do something with music. When he hit 11th grade, he started writing songs not wanting to be a solo sax player forever. He knew he wanted to be in a band.

MacDonald focused on his studies while being a student at UGA, and once

he graduated, he decided to take a year to focus on writing and playing music. Eventually, the band came together and played its first show in April 2013. MacDonald gets much of his inspiration from the novel “The Alchemist.” He believes if one really wants something then the universe will help make it happen. That is one of the ways Family and Friends came together.

Everyone was rounded up except for the lead guitarist. MacDonald’s roommate, J.P. McKenzie, a former GC student, would play music loudly in his room hoping that the others would rec

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Remnants of a time unearthed

GC Art professor Emily Gomez shares insight on her new project

SAMANTHA BLANKENSHIP
SENIOR REPORTER

colonnade: What are you working on this semester?

gomez: I’m on faculty research leave this semester. If you’ve been teaching at Georgia College for over five years, you can apply for a research leave. And basically what you do is make a proposal for what you will be doing. It’s a really great opportunity to just immerse yourself in your work for a semester. So what I wrote in my proposal was that I’m exhibiting. I have an exhibition at the University of South Carolina Beaufort right now. I just got back from that. I did an artist talk and a workshop while I was there.

I’m also photographing for a series that I’ve been working on for 11 years now called “Unearthed.” It’s about photographing places that have American Indian significance. I’m also working on a book project with a professor from University of West Georgia. Her name’s Janet Danohoe, and the book is about Georgia monuments and memorials. I’ve got about 35 places around Georgia that I’m going to be photographing.

So I’m doing that, and then I’m also doing a residency at the Hambidge Center in Rabun Gap, Ga. So basically I’m going to have a cabin, and I’m going to be there for three weeks. I’m going to be photographing a lot of the landscapes up there.

colonnade: So you do a lot of work with American Indian history. What first got you interested in that?

gomez: Well, it was sort of a roundabout way of getting into it. I took a trip to England in 2000. We had a day where we visited a bunch of Neolithic sites, like Stonehenge and the circle at Avebury, and there was something about the landscapes that made me feel sort of a spiritual connection. I felt really comfortable in those places and a real sense of calm.

When I moved to Georgia to go to graduate school in 2003, I started thinking about what I could do, what I could photograph, that would give me that feeling I had when I was in England. So I started photographing at Indian mounds because Indian mounds are pretty much exactly like burial hills in England. So I started getting really interested in that connection. Like the idea that people were building these monuments in England and at the same time they were building monuments

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Campus Backbone

Travis Kenny Huff reveals past life and current position as a college custodian

CLAYTON ROPER
SENIOR REPORTER

Noon marks the lunch rush at Georgia College as professors, students and staff wander to the school’s eateries. Among the hungry is Travis Kenny Huff, a custodian.

Kenny clocks out, punching numbers into a wall-mounted keypad on the bottom floor of MSU.

“See?” he says, turning to face me, “this is my time now.”

He wears the required fashion of GC’s many custodians and maintenance workers – a pair of khaki pants and a blue, polyester polo. The shirt is scratchy and impractical, hiding any sweat stains that might appear but smothering its wearer in the humid Georgia air.

The man is in his late 50s, sporting his paunchiness well. His eyes are bright with paternal admiration, and his face is framed perfectly with the whiskers of a Southern sage.

Sauntering toward Subway, Kenny stops abruptly, “Hey! I get a footlong, and you have half, how about that?” he says.

I agreed and offer to pay for half of the sub, but he won’t hear of it.

“He buys those \$5 footlongs at Subway, and he can’t eat the whole thing, so he always splits it with me,” says Erin Warnock, administrative assistant for university communications. “He’s a people person. He loves everybody.”

With the sun’s morning light minutes away and only an hour to spare before the campus crept into motion, Kenny pulls out his multitude of keys with jangling flick and steps into Lanier Hall.

“Every morning, I make my rounds through all the offices,” he says, going from one room to another. “I’ll look around, and I make sure there ain’t no bugs, make sure nothing’s dusty or nasty.”

Kenny’s janitorial duties encompass all of Lanier Hall and Russell Auditorium. He’s also responsible for the top two floors of the library.

“Some buildings you check around here will sometimes have people who ain’t supposed to be here,” Kenny says. “Somebody homeless or folks trying to steal something – but then you call Public Safety, and they’ll come and get them.”

Occasionally, he’s placed on larger jobs dur-

“Well, you do your job because it’s a job, and you do your job the best you know how. You’ll appreciate it a lot more.”

Travis Kenny Huff,
GC custodian

ing the summer when the heavier work can be done without a cacophony of students scuttling through the halls.

“During the summer, I wax and strip the floors,” he says, draining a floor-buffer of stale cleaning liquid. “I did all the floors in Arts & Sciences. All the classrooms, all the hallways: everything.”

Sanitizing one classroom takes about three hours. Not counting the halls, there are 57 classrooms in A&S, amounting to about 171 hours of scrubbing, waxing and mopping.

“Now, you have pranksters,” he says, poking his head through a bathroom door. “About once or twice a week, they pull pranks in bathrooms, like taking craps in the urinals, but you automatically know who they are. It don’t really bother me.”

“Everybody says ‘How do you take pride in a job where you do custodial work?’” he says, scooting a silent vacuum over a pile of shredded paper, “and I say, ‘Well, you do your job because it’s a job, and you do your job the best you know how. You’ll appreciate it a lot more.’”

He empties the flaky refuse into a nearby trash bin. “You always take pride in everything you do.”

He pulls out the tightly packed trash bag, ties it up and strolls toward the dumpster.

“This is not a bad job. Sometimes it’s an adventure.”

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on different continents without knowledge of each other.

So this led to just thinking about all those issues, and actually becoming involved with the Santee Indian population of South Carolina and eventually becoming adopted into that nation. I’m now an adopted American Indian.

colonnade: Do the Santee often adopt outsiders?

gomez: Well, I don’t know really. The Santee Indian nation is an unrecognized tribe. They’re federally unrecognized. They don’t have government funding. They don’t have a reservation. So they’re really interested in including people, or letting people know about who they are.

colonnade: Did you get an American Indian name?

gomez: Yea, we did! Mine is Star Vision.

colonnade: Do they choose it for you?

gomez: Yeah, one of the tribal elders named us. We had a naming ceremony on top of a mound in Moundville, Ala. And that name just came to him. He said he saw stars around my head, and the vision part was because of my photography.

colonnade: So does the tribe address you by Star Vision now?

gomez: You know, I got my name, and I thought maybe people would start calling me Star, but nobody does. It’s important that those are the attributes that were assigned to me, but we don’t necessarily call each other by those names.

colonnade: Do you have any sites for this project that you’re particularly excited to shoot?

gomez: Nikwasi in Franklin, N. C., is interesting because it’s right in the middle of downtown, and it’s one of the first places I photographed because there’s a real estate office next to it called Indian Mound Real Estate. That whole idea of Indian Mound Real Estate next to an Indian mound always kind of stuck in my head. And the fact that it was this really powerful Cherokee village for a really long time, and now it’s just sort of reduced to this small remnant of a mound.

colonnade: What do you think your work says to the average viewer?

gomez: I think the main thing that I would like people to get from my photographs is the idea of thinking about what was here before us. Really what I’m doing when I go to these places is documenting what’s there, but also trying

to think about what was there before, who lived there before and how completely different it was. So I guess when people look at the photographs, I like them to think about the little histories that I’ve written to go with the photograph. The history and the photograph don’t always look like the same thing.

colonnade: So when do you start working on your new project?

gomez: I’ve already started. One thing that I’ve been doing, just as a meditation, is taking my medium format camera with me whenever I walk. I walk everyday with my dog, and I’ve been photographing patterns of light. So I try to shoot a role and then process it to see what I’ve done. It’s definitely leading to a new series. I’m really excited about what’s happening now.

colonnade: Will you be coming back to teach in the fall?

gomez: Yes, I’m teaching in Italy in May, and I’ll be coming back to teach in the fall. I think it’s going to be really good for me, and really good for my students. It’s good for me to get back into my work, and get re-energized as far as photography. And I think it will be good for my students to have another professor for the semester and have another opinion besides mine.

Family band

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ognize his star power. They did, and McKenzie completed the missing puzzle piece of the band. McKenzie still has a strong group of friends in Milledgeville, and because of this, many of his old friends showed up for support.

“Coming back to [GC] and being able to play was a beautiful, warm and loving experience. Having the chance to show Milledgeville what me and my brothers and sisters in Family and Friends have been working on so hard was so wonderful,” McKenzie said. His vivacious personality adds to the band perfectly.

The band recently recorded “Love You, Mean It,” its first E.P. The songs on this album are very folkly and peaceful, but at the same time make the listener want to get up and dance with joy.

The view of fans at Buffington’s was almost overwhelming. Many were gathered closely around the stage, stomping their feet and there was not one absent smile in the crowd. The band will be returning to Milledgeville on April 5 for Sounds of the South.

SPOTLIGHT

Chris Taylor, senior exercise science major, spent five years in the Air Force serving his country before coming to college

Q: What branch are you in?

A: Air Force - the National Guard, actually.

Q: What is your rank?

A: I am an E4, a senior airman.

Q: Why did you decide to join the Air force?

A: They’re paying my college. It was a good decision. I’m not just a broke college student, like the people who are just coming straight out of high school. They come [to college], and they don’t have any money unless their parents pay for everything. I’ve got my own house; I pay all of my bills, [and] I have my own money.



SOPHIE GOODMAN / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Q: What did you do in the Air Force?

A: Well, I am a computer technician. Basically, I help the Desk Operator. People who call with problems, they call my office, and then we look into [their] problems.

Q: What did you take with you from the service?

A: The self-discipline and self-respect. They hold you to a high standard – taking that throughout my life and doing everything to the best of my ability.

Q: What do you do in the reserves?

A: I work one weekend a month [as a computer technician].

Q: How does it feel to be older than most college students?

A: It does kind of suck being older. I mean, I’m 24, and everyone is like, “Why are you still in college?” [It’s] because I spent five years in the Air Force.

Q: What do you like about being in the Air Force?

A: I liked the fact of having a steady income.

Q: Did the Air Force meet your expectations?

A: It did. It made me [not] settle for less.

by Sophie Goodman



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With 246 games and 162 wins, Ryan Vitello smashes records with passion

HAMPTON PELTON
SENIOR REPORTER

The Colonnade sat down with Ryan Vitello, a four-year veteran of Georgia College intramural.

The senior, boasting more than 140 intramural wins and seven championships, sported Andrea Pirlo's jersey. Pirlo is widely considered the maestro for the Italian National team and the No. 1 ranked team in Italy, Juventus.

"I've always been really competitive," Vitello said. "I've always played sports, even in college. I

wanted to play college football, but, because I didn't have the size, I couldn't play. Wherever I was, I knew I wanted to play a sport."

Vitello had simple beginnings before starting his freshman year at GC. The multiple-sport, intramural champion played baseball until his freshman year at Starr's Mill High School, and then football for four years on Starr's Mill's team.

"When I came to GC, I found RecSports, and it was the first thing I wanted to get involved with," Vitello said. "I only played one sport in the fall of my first semester, and from there I really found my pas-

sion and wanted to try other sports."

In the fall of 2010, Vitello only participated in men's flag football. His intramural sports team consisted of "random guys" who managed to make it to the semi-finals, but then narrowly fell during that same game.

"I've finished a lot in second and third, especially in basketball," Vitello said. "I've never won a basketball championship, but I've finished in third for two seasons straight. I've lost a co-ed flag

"Less as how can I go out here and beat up on someone and now as more of using what God has given me."

*Ryan Vitello,
intramural spotlight*

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Don't tread on me

The U.S. has a colorful past when it comes to soccer, with seemingly more negative points than positive ones over the years. However, few people know that the U.S. was once a powerhouse in the sport, clinching third place at the first-ever World Cup, held in 1930. The Americans trounced the once great Paraguay and Belgium, both of whom still produce talent.

In 1950, America won the so-called "Miracle on Grass," beating one of the first to play the sport, England, 1-0 in Brazil.

However, this win was followed by a 40-year drought, with the US not seeing another World Cup qualification until 1998.

1998 also proved that we were not ready for international games, going 0-3 in the group stage of the tournament, losing to Germany, Iran and Yugoslavia by a deficit of eight goals. The Americans did not score a single goal that tournament.

Despite these shortcomings, America has managed to qualify for the last six World Cups, proving that they can contend with international opponents.

Although we have not managed to make it out of the group stage for 11 years, we have new weapons and skills to play with when the World Cup kicks off in June.

Jozy Altidore is the America's all-time leading goal scorer, finding the back of the net 42 times. Altidore's performance is one of the keys for America doing well in Brazil.

America also boasts other superb players, such as Kyle Beckerman, Eddie Johnson and last but not least, Landon Donovan, whose prestigious career stretches for a near-unheard of 13 years with America. The 31 year-old centerpiece may yet have another decade with the Americans. After all, look at players such as Francesco Totti and Ryan Giggs.

Jürgen Klinsmann, the once brilliant striker from Germany, is now America's head coach. Klinsmann has coached some of the biggest teams in the world, such as the German national team and Bayern Munich. The German has coached America into a .761 winning percentage, which has helped the States earn the ranking of 14th in the world.

The Americans will perform much better in the 2014 World Cup when compared to the past, but due to the nature of their group, they will not hold the trophy at the end of the tournament.

Group G, the American's group, has Germany, Portugal, Ghana and America. The Americans have an extremely tough group to say the least.

This group, which can also be considered the "group of death" will see a nearly unprecedented feat: America, moving past Ghana and narrowly squeaking by Portugal, will walk out at second place behind an untouched Germany.

America is much stronger than previous years and will hand Ghana a 3-1 defeat, a much-deserved win from its 2010 game.

Although Portugal boasts Cristiano Ronaldo, the 2013 FIFA Ballon d'OR award winner (given to the best player of the previous year), it does not have any other weapons with a slight exception to Nani. America wins a 3-2 thriller against the Portuguese, with the Americans playing a defensive game and relying on the counterattack.

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Buzzer Beater

An incredible play in the last 0.3 seconds determined win

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CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

The Georgia College men's basketball team celebrated a miraculous come-from-behind victory on Jan. 20 against the Georgia Regent's University Augusta Jaguars, highlighted by a last-second buzzer beater.

With 0.3 seconds remaining in the game, the Bobcats trailed 55-54 as they inbounded the ball from their own baseline. Sophomore guard Ryan Blumenthal inbounded the ball and tossed it high towards the rim. Senior guard Royal Thomas made a cut towards the basket, leaped up and tipped the ball in as time expired, leading the team to a 56-55 victory. In addition to Blumenthal's excellent pass and Thomas' stunning shot, senior guard Aaron Robinson set a crucial screen on the defense, allowing Thomas to make the shot.

When asked about the game winning shot, Thomas said, "[Coach Sellers] just told me to go up there and get it, and I told Blume [Ryan Blumenthal] give me a good pass and I'll make it happen. [Blumenthal] made a good pass and [Robinson] set a good screen, and I finished it."

It was a fast paced, up-tempo game that saw several lead changes, although it was the last-second, offensive play that highlighted the night. Overall, the matchup between the Bobcats and the Jaguars was a hard-fought, defensive battle. Freshman forward Kelvin Nwanze and junior forward Larrentis Thomas set the tone for the Bobcats defensively. Nwanze only had three blocks and Larrentis Thomas had one steal, but these defensive statistics do not do the players justice as they played a hard, physical, low-post defense.

"Tonight's game plan was to play as hard as we could," head coach Terry Sellers said after the game. "We felt like we had to really play hard for 40 minutes and had to battle them on the boards. The guys executed the game plan really well, just playing as hard as they did the entire 40 minutes."

The Bobcats improved their record to 7-8, concluding Monday night's win over the Jaguars.

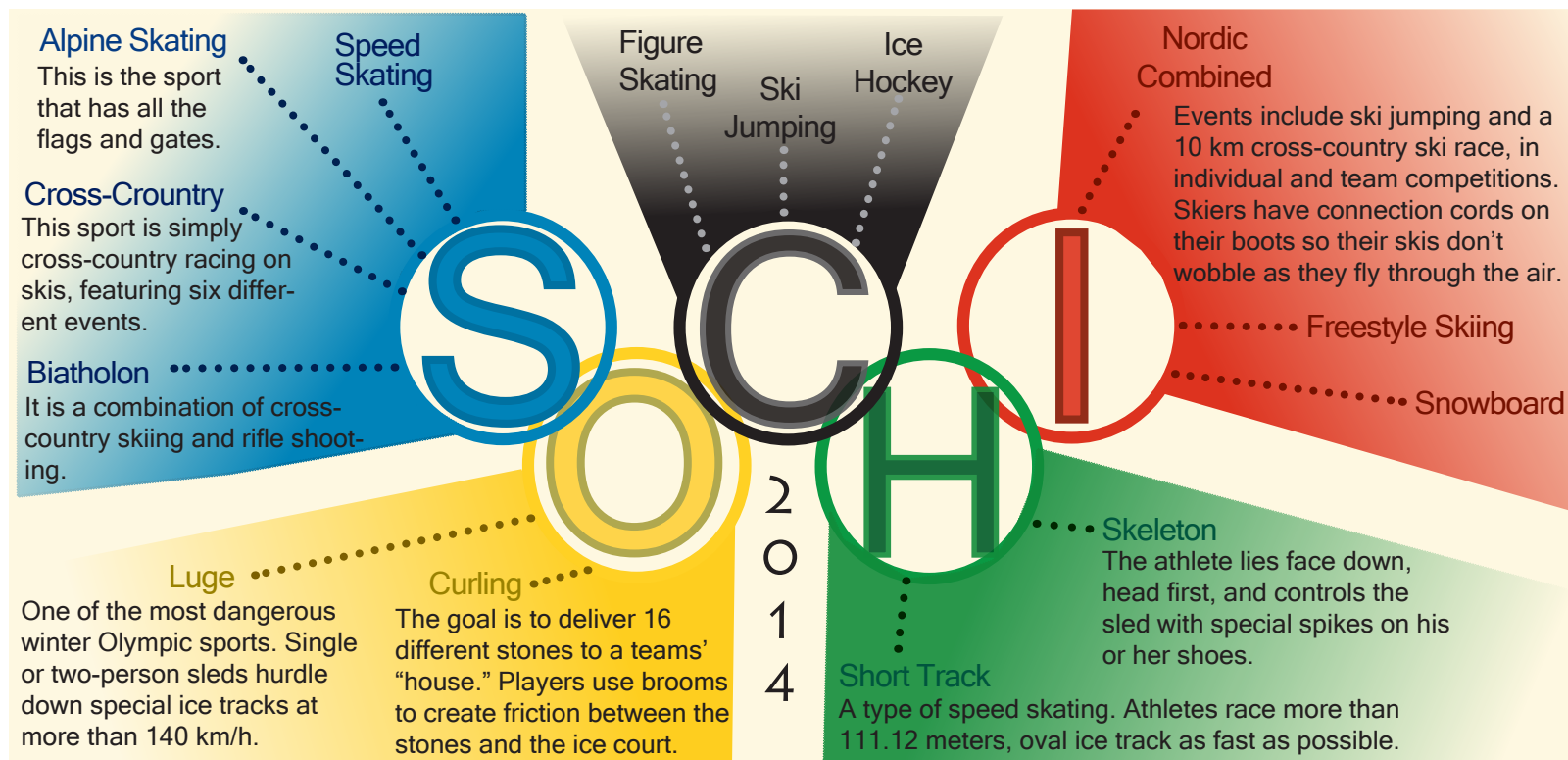
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Above: Senior guard Royal Thomas shoots for two as the Georgia College men's basketball team took on Georgia Regents University of Augusta Monday. Left: fans and teammates cheer on the sidelines. The team came away with a thrilling 56-55 victory. With 0.3 seconds left in the fourth quarter, GC inbounded the ball to senior Royal Thomas who scored the winning bucket for the Bobcats. Thomas finished the night with 11 points.



The Short Stop



Upcoming Games

Basketball

Jan. 25 men and women's, 1:30 p.m. @ Young Yarris

Jan. 29 men and women's home @ 5:30 p.m. vs. Clayton State

Softball

Feb. 1 doubleheader, home against West Alabama at 11:00 a.m.

Quote of the Week

"They help to develop you as a player. They like to see people get better."

-Ben Grizzle

Bobcats Rugby Club member, talking about the GC rugby club.

Notable Stat

0.3

The time that was left on the clock before Royal Thomas tipped the ball in to beat GRU Augusta.

Spring semester brings toughest rugby season



TAYLER PITTS / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Junior BRC member Ethan Eloquin is lifted into the cold night air, catching the ball during a GC rugby club practice. The first game is Saturday, Jan. 25 at 3 p.m. at the Village.

LAUREN CORCINO
SENIOR REPORTER

A team of 20 men line up on the West Campus intramural field. They crouch down low into position and wait for the signal.

The rugby ball sails through the wintry night air with a silent fury, passing from hand to hand with synchronized precision. Bobcat Rugby Club team members weave in and out of the players, anticipating each attack and developing strategies to combat them.

“Shift left, shift out, watch the outside,” a teammate shouts as the team moves the rugby ball down the field. “Good job.”

As one observes the field, there is no mistaking the chaotic, fast-paced game that is erupting underneath the stadium lights. Rugby season is back.

The BRC experienced a decrease in membership since its last season, making recruitment

a main priority for the current season. New member recruitment has been done through networking, word of mouth, socials and gym visits.

“Player turnover is our biggest challenge this semester,” BRC member Will Lowe said. “We are having to try new people in new positions. As you look around, one of our problems is size. We are a fast team. We are faster than we were last year, but size is definitely going to be a problem.”

Organized workouts and focusing on the fundamentals of rugby are key for the team’s success this season. With new players joining the team, the BRC is working to accommodate these players and work towards the goal of having every team member be on the same level.

“[The team] is really supportive,” BRC member Ben Grizzle said. “I’m going to be the first to tell you that I’m not the best player. They help to de-

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Will Lowe,
BRC member

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The opening game in the BRC season is against Valdosta State University, which is considered one of its toughest opponents. To prepare for the game, the team has increased the number of practices and created workout groups.

“A lot of the game is just instinct,” Lowe said. “Playing defense is something that everybody knows, but rugby is a whole different set of rules. We just try to get people to go hard,

if you make a mistake at least be going full speed when you do it.”

The numbers may have decreased from last season, but the brotherhood of the team remains strong.

“After the years, this team has turned into a family and you really do feel bad sending your brothers out there without having their back,” Lowe said. “If they lose by one point, you sit there all week and wonder, ‘Could I have helped them get that one point?’”

The BRC hopes to get better through the season.

“We have a lot of seniors on the team, and I would like to see the team being able to last for many years after we leave,” BRC member John Chagaris said. “It means a lot for the incoming members to step up and keep the sport going.”

The BRC plays its first game of the season Jan. 25 at 3 p.m.

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The women’s basketball team also had a victorious night.

Junior guard Shanteona Keys paved the way to a 78-59 Lady Bobcats victory against the Jaguars as well. Keys lead all scorers with 33 points, and Keys shot 7-8 from behind the 3-point line. In addition to her scoring, Keys contributed with eight rebounds (four offensive rebounds), one steal and one block. Junior guard Enisha Donley also had an impressive offensive night. Donley scored 22 points and had three assists.

“I caught the ball; I was ready to shoot,” Keys said, when asked

about her great night of 3-point shooting. “I had good timing on it, so once I saw a few go in I just didn’t think to not shoot it. It came in rhythm with the game.”

All night, the Lady Bobcats had control of the game. After they gained the lead early in the first half, they never looked back. The Bobcats played great all-around defense and applied constant pressure. The team displayed tremendous effort with its offensive rebounding and fighting for loose balls.

With their win against the Jaguars, the Lady Bobcats improved their record to an impressive 12-3. The Bobcats were focused on beating USC Aiken Wednesday, Jan. 22, and although the women came through 72-48, men lost 91-70.



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championship. In men’s flag football, I’ve placed second place two or three times. Basketball and flag football are the main sports I try to focus on.”

Although he’s come up short on some occasions, he’s taken home the trophy enough times to be one of the winningest intramural players at GC.

“I’ve won a few championships,” Vitello said, grinning. “I’ve won three co-ed flag football championships. I’ve

also won one men’s flag football championship, two ultimate Frisbee championships and two men’s softball championships.

Vitello recalls his career through high school, college and how he came to this point in his athletic career.

“A lot of friends that have known me since freshmen year know how competitive I am,” Vitello said. “I’ve learned to control my temper; it’s a work in progress, but it has gotten a lot better. My coaches have taught me not only to play, but what it means

to compete. In other words, less as how can I go out here and beat up on someone, and now as more of using what God has given me.”

The GC student has also learned how to adapt to a college-level, student-athlete lifestyle. He spends his time with many organizations and sectors on and off the GC campus.

“I have two jobs. I’m a full-time student. I’m involved in many different clubs, and I play intramurals,” Vitello said. “I try not to sign up for too many sports. This is a passion of mine, but I try not to

look at it like a job. I just have to prioritize my schedule. Some of it does come with being up late and waking up early to get stuff done, but what helps is to prioritize.”

Regarding his many successes over the years, Vitello recalls his favorite team that he has been part of.

“My favorite intramural memory is going to state to represent GC,” Vitello said. “The team was called Discover Greatness...”

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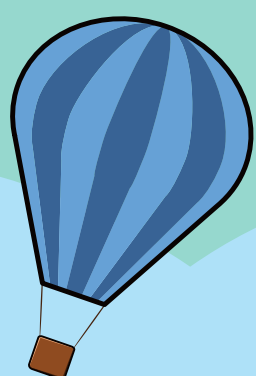
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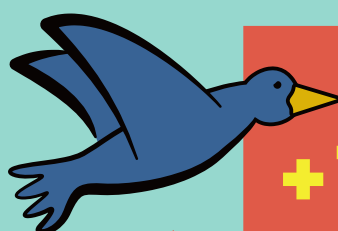
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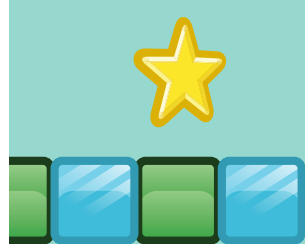
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